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Overview of Agency-Wide Initiatives

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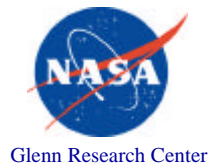
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Agenda

- Full Cost Accounting
- ISO 9000 Certification
- ISE
- Proposal Support
- Integrated Financial Management Program
- Fixed Price Contracting
- Next Steps



Full Cost Accounting

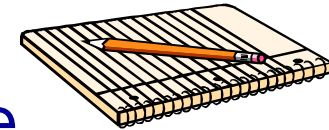
- Will the new approach affect existing models that have government developed hardware which has been converted to out-of-house rates?
- If we're not involved, how do we properly estimate in-house programs? How do we adjust our models?
- Lack of knowledge by proposal preparation and evaluation teams across the agency leads to uneven playing field.

Moving to full cost is not just adding CS salaries, benefits, and travel.



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ISO 9000



- How do ISO procedures for software development affect our modeling or our support contractors modeling? What other procedures might we be forced to adhere to? What documentation must we keep?
- What procedures do we follow when preparing estimates? Should a NASA standard procedure be developed for all Centers?
- Are there procedures we should be included in where we are not?



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ISE

- ISE CRMT project personnel are a large part of the cost community as a whole.
- Funding levels and timing have not allowed for good strategic planning and coordination.
- Center politics will make it difficult to achieve consensus on standards, platforms, etc. and this should be done now to optimize the use of limited resources.

We cannot depend on ISE to fund all tool developments but we must be thinking of ISE when we build new tools.



Proposal Support

- Increasing amount of NASA funds are being put out for competitive bid.
 - Many solicitations are “cookie cutter” copies of previous ones with little thought given to cost proposal requirements.
 - BAU vs full cost reimbursable vs full cost implementation guide - solicitation writers do not seem to understand full cost
- Cost estimators may be involved in:
 - Estimate build-up - full cost or not
 - Direct parametric estimating support
 - Independent assessments for realism
 - Guidance/interpretation of cost proposal requirements
 - Cost evaluations



Integrated Financial Management Program

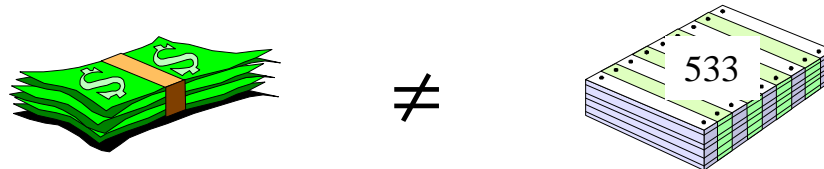
- Will the system as envisioned ever become operational? What will we get? When?
- What impact on cost estimating/data gathering, if any, will there be by moving to the new system?
- Will it provide a standard for all centers to use when submitting proposals?

Contractor delays make the full operating capability date uncertain.



Fixed Price Contracting

- Fixed price contracting \neq good cost reporting, i.e., less cost visibility
- What is the impact of mixing data points of systems procured under different contracting approaches?
- Better estimates/documentation required to back up estimates for PCA that exceed 'fixed price' contractor proposal.





Summary

- Should we be involved?
- How should we be involved?
- Can we support the desired level of involvement?

As a community, do we 'wait and see' or take a position?